

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL

Proposed name

COAST RANGE

State

Oregon

County

Coos, Douglas, Lane, Benton, Lincoln

Polk, Yamhill, Tillamook, Washington

Clatsop, Columbia

Reason for Proposal:

Check appropriate
box(es)

Controversial name ☐

Name change ☐

Changed application ☐

Other ☒

Is name in local use?

No ☐

Yes ☒

If Yes,

approx. No. of years 110

Location
of
Feature

Latitude

°

'

"

N.

Section(s)

T.

R.

Longitude

°

'

"

W.

Meridian

Brief description of feature:

An individual segment of Coast Ranges (Decision List 5401), averaging about 30 miles in width, extending from the Klamath Mountains of northwestern California and southwestern Oregon on the south to the Columbia River on the north. The Coquille River and its Middle Fork provide the generally accepted dividing line between the Coast Range and the Klamath Mountains.

MAPS USING PROPOSED NAME

SEE ATTACHED SHEETS

VARIANT SPELLING
OR OTHER NAME

MAP SHOWN ON

Available information as to origin, spelling, and meaning of the proposed name and/or statement concerning nature of difference in usage or application:

Coast Range has been applied as the name of this feature from the time of pioneer settlers to the present. The name has been applied at times farther north and south than its present limits (Historically, the California Coast Ranges were known also as Coast Range), but in recent years the name application has been limited as described above.

(See attached copy of memo on the subject to RT-C).

AUTHORITY FOR NAME

ADDRESS

OCCUPATION

Indicate number of people consulted other than above authorities:

RECEIVED
TOPOGRAPHIC DIVISION
U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Maps and References using Coast Range for

The central and northern coastal area of Oregon:

1:250 000 Salem, 1963

" Vancouver, 1964

" Hoquiam, 1962

Oregon official state highway map, 1965

General Land Office Map of Oregon, 1897

" " " " " " , 1906

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Oregon State Map, Edition of 1955

Columbia River Basin map, 1:1,500,000 (for International Joint Commission -
by USGS, 1958)

National Geographic Map of Northwestern United States

(lettering entirely in Oregon)- 1941

Oregon: Its Resources, Climate, People, and Productions

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of 1902, PP. 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 117, 145, 180

The Guardians of the Columbia, John H. Williams, 1912, P.57

The Journals of Lewis and Clark, edited by Bernard DeVoto, 1953, P.337

An Oregon Idyl, Nellie May Young, 1961 (journals of pioneer days)
P. 37, 89, 90

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The Oregon Trail, American Guide Series, Federal Writers' Project, 1939
P. 154, P.155

Oregon, American Guide Series, 1940, PP. 15, 16, 156, 158

Handbook of Northwest Flowering Plants, Helen M. Gilkey, 1936

(numerous references to Coast Range in distribution of species)

Physical and Economic Geography of Oregon, Oregon State Board of
Higher Education, 1940, Pages 25-32, P.34

The Scenic Treasure House of Oregon, Dr. Warren D. Smith, 1941, P.74,83,84

Geology and Coal Resources of the Coos Bay Quadrangle, Oregon;

State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, Bulletin 27, 1944
John Eliot Allen and Ewart M. Baldwin, P.7

Ferruginous Bauxite Deposits in Northwestern Oregon, Department of Geology
and Mineral Industries, Bulletin 29, 1945, F. W. Libbey, W. D. Lowry,
and R. S. Mason, P.6

Landslide Lakes in the Coast Range of Oregon, Ewart M. Baldwin, 1958,

Geological Society of the Oregon Country, News Letter, vol. 24, P.23-24

Sawdust Empire - The Pacific Northwest, Howard M. Brier, 1958, P.11

Oregon Geography, Dr. Samuel N. Dicken, 3d. Edition, 1959, P.7, P.23-40

Kettle of Fire, H. L. Davis, 1959, P.19

Some Recent Physical Changes of the Oregon Coast, 1961, Dr. Samuel N. Dicken, P8

North Coast Basin, Oregon State Water Resources Board, 1961, P.1, P.110

Atlas of Pacific Northwest, 1962 edition, Edited by R. M. Highsmith,

Plate 9, P.30, P.36 (applies the name Coast Range also northward in
Washington, to the Olympic Mountains)

The Sandal and the Cave - The Indians of Oregon, 1962

Dr. L. S. Cressman, P.11, P.17

Petroleum Exploration in Oregon, Miscellaneous Paper #9, 1962, P.8

Geology of Oregon, Ewart M. Baldwin, 1964, Fig. 1, P.1, 5 and numerous
other pages in text

Geology of the Dallas and Valsetz Quadrangles, Oregon (Revised), 1964
Ewart M. Baldwin, State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries,
Bulletin 35 (Rev.), P.3, P.4
Pacific Northwest and British Columbia, A Sunset Discovery Book, 1961, 1963 -
Lane Publishing Co., P.107, P.114, 115
Discovery Trips in Oregon, Lane Publishing Co., P.5, P.19
Scenic Geology of the Pacific Northwest, 1962
Leonard C. Ekman, Map (inside cover), P. 96
Oregon Geographic Names, Lewis A. McArthur, 1952, P.137-138
Geologic Sketch of Northwestern Oregon and Geologic Interpretation of
Reconnaissance Gravity and Aeromagnetic Surveys in Northwestern Oregon,
1964, P. D. Snavely, Jr. and H. C. Wagner, USGS Bulletin 1181-M, P.M1 -
"Coast Range of Oregon"---"Oregon Coast Range", P. M11 "In the central
part of the Coast Range..."
USGS Water-Supply Paper 1649, 1965, K. N. Phillips, R. C. Newcomb, H. A.
Swenson, and L. B. Laird, PP.25, 27, 32, 83
USGS Geologic Atlas Folio 49, 1898, J. S. Diller - Description of the
Roseburg quadrangle - in relation to formations prominent in the
"Coast Range".
Rand McNally's Pioneer Atlas of the American West, 1956
facsimile reproduction from the 1876 First Edition, P.45
(shows names of individual ranges of Calif. on P.47, without
applying Coast Range or Ranges)
The West in American History, Dan Elbert Clark, 1937, P.416
Physical Divisions of the United States, 1946, Nevin M. Fenneman -
in cooperation with the Physiographic Committee of the Geological Survey,-
"Oregon Coast Range" as a part of the Pacific Border province.
Physiography of Western United States, 1931, Nevin M. Fenneman, P.442-43, P.465
"Oregon Coast Range" and "Coast Range of Oregon".
(The author considered application of this name from the Klamath Mountains
north into Washington to the Chehalis River. Recent local usage and
published references have changed to Willapa Hills as the geographic name
of the area north of the Columbia River and south of the Chehalis River).

Maps and References using Coast Ranges:

(There are several small-scale maps of the conterminous United States which use the label Coast Ranges, collectively, for all of the mountains along the Pacific coastline, in agreement with the Board ruling. Most of these maps do not have sufficient space to use the individual names of the "Coast Ranges").

- Physiographic Diagram of the United States, A. K. Lobeck (see above paragraph)
Landforms of the Northwestern States, Erwin Raisz, 1941,-
includes Klamath Mts. and Olympic Mts. in "Coast Ranges" (province) usage.
The Pacific Coast Ranges, 1946, edited by Roderick Peattie
PP.23, 25, 245, 285, 282, 308 - "Coast Ranges" used collectively;
also "Oregon Coast Range", "Washington Coast Range", "Coast Range region,
and "Coast Range" (as applied to the three states).
Tertiary Geologic History of Western Oregon and Washington, 1963,
Park D. Snavely, Jr. and Holly C. Wagner, Olympia, Wash.
State Printing Plant, Fig. 1, PP.1, 5.
(The authors of this report have more recently published USGS
Bulletin 1181-M (on the list for "Coast Range") in which they use
"Coast Range of Oregon" and "Oregon Coast Range". Mr. Snavely and
Mr. Wagner state personally that "Coast Range" is the only name
they have heard in local usage for the area from the Columbia River
to the Klamath Mountains. They, and other geologists, regard the
Willapa Hills in Washington as a geologic extension of the Coast
Range, but note increased usage of Willapa Hills as the geographic
name in recent years).
Tertiary Stratigraphy of Western Washington and Northwestern Oregon,
Univ. of Washington Publications in Geology, vol. 4, 1937,
Charles E. Weaver, PP. 11, 40 (see above paragraph).